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Dear Sir:

One of the most distressing things to me in Appomattox is the apathy of parents toward the Appomattox County High School PTA. Our first meeting was attended by 47 people. We have approximately 500 students in the High School so you can sympathize with my concern.

For some strange reason, people feel that when their children reach high school there is no need to be interested any longer in their welfare in the school system. This is faulty logic from any standpoint. We need to be concerned. Let me give you several reasons why I feel this way.

One, Appomattox needs a new High School now. We do not have room to house students in the most adequate way. A lot of class rooms have a minimum of 30 young people in every course. And when I say a lot I mean most all of them. And when I say minimum some of these classrooms have 36 young people in them. We have a fine staff of teachers. I can say this without reservation. They are doing an excellent job. The number of our students qualifying for higher education and succeeding in it back this statement. But, many of our students still need individual teaching that cannot be offered in a class of 36. We need more classrooms. That leads us to the next point.

Two, we need more teachers to man the new classrooms. The papers have been full recently of the surplus of teachers. We do not have a surplus when one teacher has to work with over 30 students by any stretch of the imagination.

Why can't we in Appomattox think generously in regard to our young people. Build a new High School! If we cannot do this hire more teachers. Get trailer units. Have two shifts at the School so that half of the youth go in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. How about 12 month school with one quarter of the students on vacation at various times.

There are many other things we can do to help Appomattox have the best school system in the State of Virginia. We have the ideal conditions for it. No busing problem, good relations between black and white and fine people in the school administration. All we need is an interested citizenry who want to have the best for their youth.

The PTA can help if you are willing to be a part of this organization.

Sincerely,
Alfred L. Eastman
President, PTA.
Appomattox County High

Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia
Dear Mrs. Hudson:

The second annual Virginia Arts and Handcrafts Fair was a tremendous success -- thanks to the excellent support it received from you and the other news media. If know that the Appomattox newspaper must have been directly responsible for many of the hundreds of people who attended.

I certainly hope you were able to visit the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center during the Fair to meet the craftsmen and get a first-hand look at their creations. If you did not, let me urge you not to miss next year's Fair. I am sure it will be even more exciting than this year's -- with your help.

Thank you for bringing the Virginia Arts and Handcrafts Fair to the attention of so many people.

Sincerely,
Robert C. Wood III
President

Meeting Set To Discuss Area Libraries

Library facilities in Appomattox county will be a topic for consideration and discussion as a part of a District Eleven public meeting set for Thurs., Nov. 18 at Central Virginia Community College from 3 to 5 p. m.

This is a regional follow up meeting of the Governor's Conference on Expanding Public Library Service held Oct. 4 in Richmond.

Donna Brown, librarian of the Amherst County Public Library, is chairman of program arrangements for Thursday's meeting which is expected to attract a substantial attendance from the District 11 area, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell counties plus the city of Lynchburg.

Members of all local governing bodies and the public are all invited.

Host and moderator for the regional meeting will be S. Vance Wilkins, Jr., of Amherst.

Principal speaker will be Florence B. Yoder of the Library Development Branch, Virginia State Library, Richmond.

Appomattox County Public Library is currently being operated under the supervision of the Appomattox County School Board.

Pastor Speaks

FOR YOUTH ONLY

Today I speak to young people. Not wanting to exclude my own generation, I will want to speak a personal word to the closing group. This is especially a message to those young people who are freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in High School or college. I speak to you because each of you is beginning to form your own ideas of what to do in life. I challenge you to work your way into the center of influence in your school or profession and there use your Christian testimony for the glory of God in the name of Jesus christ.

In years past churches have built denominational students centers, organized Christian councils, and led in conducting religious emphasis weeks. This has not been enough. As God's people were busy here and there around the campus, others who didn't profess the Christian faith took over the student power centers. In high school after high school and in college, the centers of influence such as the student council the school newspaper, the student-faculty forum, and the school FM radio station have fallen into the hands of those who want to use them to spread sleazy immorality, radical politics, or philosphical arroganc. I challenge you to see that the action is and by your winsomeness, skill and academic achievement make your way to the top and take over the big jobs for JESUS Christ. Find where the student leaders are. Meet them. If their goals are owrthy, support them. If their goals are unworthy, oppose them. If they are destructive goals, resist them, strong in the power of Jesus Christ.

But I issue a further challenge. Not only do we need to penetrate the centers of power in high school and college, but we also need to do it in all fields of learning, entertainment and endeavor. I challenge some of you who are just beginning your plans for a work to move with great power and force into the centers of influence in every profession. How great it would be if some committed Christian would write another best-selling record with words comparable to "Put your hands in the hand of the man who stilled the water." How necessary it is that some Christian playwright and dramatist create a Christian answer to such a throbbing musical as "Hair".

How fortunate we would be if some Christian journalist in ten years would be writing about spiritual awakenings in our churches rather than contributing to the ever increasing articles about drug abuse, police corruption, and scholastic cheating. Some have already blazed a trail in these areas, but many more need to come along.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

"AMAZING GRACE"

Lesson for November 21, 1971

Background Scripture: Romans 5; 8:28-39; II Corinthians 4: 7-18.

Devotional Reading: Psalms 85

"Amazing grace
How sweet the sound . . ."

Once limited to churches and camp meetings, the old hymn can now be heard on radios, juke boxes, and wherever else popular music is played. Recently, a

McCandlish Phillips is a popular feature writer for the New York Times and a committed Christian at the same time. He unapologetically uses his position to spread his Christian faith. Malcolm Cough, a seminary graduate and newscaster from Dallas, Texas, felt that some one with the technical skills that modern newscasting demand ought to start another film company. He and others founded the Evangelical Communications Research Foundation and are now producing films describing spritual changes going on in today"s churches.

Young people, the fields are wide open. The harvest is ready to be plucked. Go for the top in your school, college or profession, but go for the top in the name and in the power of Jesus Christ.

Thomas D.Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

little boy was heard to exclaim in church, "Hey, Mom, listen—they're playing my record."

Let us hope and pray that its new-found popularity will bring this old hymn not only admiration of its beautiful melody and catchy rhythm, but also the contemplation of its vital message. Actually, when we really consider the meaning of God's grace — his undeserved love poured out for us in Jesus Christ — we can hardly have any other response: "Amazing!"

A Sense Of Wonder

The song conveys this sense of wonder: God's grace is almost too good to be true!

"I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see."

For the person whose life has been changed by the love of God, it all seems a wonderful miracle. God's grace is therefore "amazing" because of what it can do in our lives. Situations that seem hopeless can be transformed by the love of God. Nothing is so dark, so evil, so far-gone, that God's grace cannot transform!

In the newer versions of this old hymn we sing . . . "That saved a wretch like me." Somebody obviously thought that the term "wretch" was a bit too strong. But that's what makes God's grace so truly "amazing." By this grace God is able to save the "wretches" of this world. It is a grace that does not simply perform minor repairs on "almost righteous men," but the radical surgeon by which the most evil of men can be changed. "While We Were Enemies . . ."

Paul makes it clear that God doesn't wait until men have repented before he tries to win them back with his grace. He takes the initiative: "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

This is what makes God's grace so "amazing" too. We can partly it is also to comprehend someone giving their we are willing life (or risking it) for another other "wrong" who is worthy, but it is "amazing" to contemplate someone who by the [illegible] will lay down his life for another catch, [illegible] who doesn't deserve it. And who Christ? [illegible] of us ever "deserved" the salvation of Jesus Christ!

This is the "amazing grace" we have received in Jesus Christ.

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There was a very small crowd to attend the annual meeting of Dark Tobacco Growers Association last Friday. I want to share with you some of the important items.

The market opens Tuesday, November 30 for three weeks. Selling days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Growers can book space by calling the Warehouse after November 22.

If tobacco is packed on baskets indicate this over the phone. Growers may pick up baskets at the warehouse. The warehouse management requests that baskets be returned by a reasonable date. Even though tobacco is booked, it must be on the floor at least two hours before sale time.

After Christmas the market reopens January 11 and closes February 3. Price support for the '71 crop is 48.5¢, up 4 percent over last year.

There have been some growers to ask about selling tobacco untied. In this regard it is important for growers to know that untied tobacco will not be graded and will have no support price.

An effort is being made to have established by USDA price supports for untied tobacco. Hopefully this will affect the '72 crop.

The Association has paid out over $100,000 in pair usage refunds, of the amount $20,000 have been returned to the Association's Office because the person cannot be located. If you believe that you should have received a check and did not, contact the Association's Office in Farmville. Refunds on the 1948 crop were distributed this fall.

Jim Tramel, Tobacco Specialist, VPI, spoke to the group and said, "If you say there is no future in mechanization of dark tobacco, then I say there is no future to the crop. You think labor is short now! Just wait, labor will be in shorter supply 5 to 10 years than it is now."

Tramel pointed out that there are two ideas that needs to be further evaluated: (1) A low-cost plastic covering frame for curing, this may or may not require the stalk to be placed on a stick; (2) A harvesting machine similar to the one demonstrated at the Field Day at the Charlotte Courthouse Experiment Station in early September.

During a slide presentation Tramel showed a picture of a curing barn that was about ready to collapse. He said, "I'm afraid this is about where the dark tobacco industry is. We've got to either make it or go because it's either one way or the other. The industry can use 3 million additional pounds. We produce it or we lose the market. This is a 4 million dollar industry to Piedmont Virginia."

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week 0
This Month 1.44
This Year 48.43

'Thank You' From Oakville

The Oakville Ruritan Club held their regular meeting Thursday, November 4, at the Oakville School. The guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Gordon Staples, Captain of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad. Shown above with President, Jim Nolen, are Mr. Carlis Tucker, Past District Governor of Appomattox District and Mr. James Stanfield, District Governor of Appomattox District.

The Oakville Ruritan Club and the Appomattox County Rescue Squad wish to say "Thank You" to those making contributions to the Rescue Squad during their fund drive. On October 19, approximately $1200 was collected in the Oakville Area.

MISS CRAWFORD'S 4-H PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY

On Friday, November 12, Miss Crawford's 4-H met. The meeting was called to order by President, Cynthia Hix. The minutes were read by Jerry Womack. Melinda McIntosh and Beth Jones led us in some songs.

Mr. Swet told us, and showed us how to give a 4-H demonstration. He asked us for volunteers to give demonstrations next month. The President adjourned the meeting.

Reporter, Lisa Dickerson

Thanksgiving GREETINGS

County Line

Mrs. Courtney Mann visited her sister, Mrs. Georgie Lacks in the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Dickerson and Mrs. Lula Mann, of Brookneal, visited Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Mann Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Mann, Mrs. Nelson Mann and Mrs. Carroll Mann and Mrs. Lucille Mullins spent Tuesday in Lynchburg.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash were Mr. and Mrs. George Nash and family and Loyd Nash, of Lynchburg and Mr. Henry A. Garrette.

Those visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nash, Mrs. Nelson Mann, Keith and Tony Mann, Mrs. Jimmy Howard and children and Mrs. Maury Howard and Mr. Richard Nash.

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Farm Bureau To Meet With Legislators

Farm Bureau members are invited to meet with newly elected governmental officials at Keysville, at the Shelton Restaurant at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 2.

Attending from this area will be State Senator Howard M. Anderson, of Halifax and Delegate Claude M. Anderson, of Buckingham who represents Appomattox County.

The president of each Farm Bureau will be there (Earl T. Pickett, Pamplin, Appomattox pres.) and the Legislative director, Mr. Walter Henry, of Appomattox.

Interested Farm Bureau members are asked to contact Earl Pickett, Pamplin.

Rummage Sale

A rummage sale will be held Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20 on Main St.

Sponsor: Robert E. Lee Academy.

Shoppers will find clothing, jewelry, household goods on the second floor of the "Shapes & Styles" building. Sale 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday.

Anyone with items to contribute is invited to bring them to the sale or to call Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., chairman. The Rummage Sale will be held each Fri. and Sat. until Thanksgiving.

To The Voters of Appomattox County

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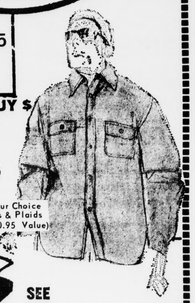

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